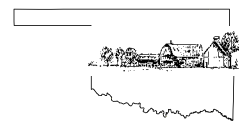




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SOAKING RAIN AIDS CROP GROWTH

October 10 -- Moisture from the Gulf of Mexico moved slowly across Oklahoma during the weekend bringing rainfall to all 110 Mesonet weather-monitoring stations. Weekly precipitation ranged from 0.06 inch at Boise City in the Panhandle to 6.31 inches at Apache in the Southwest district. The rain received over the weekend may not be fully represented in the soil moisture supplies. Cool, dry weather during the first part of the week aided wheat seeding and row crop harvesting. There were only 4.2 days suitable for fieldwork during the week, the lowest number since the second week of July.

TOPSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	5	20	62	13
Last Week	15	39	44	2
Last Year	6	21	65	8

SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	11	25	60	4
Last Week	16	34	50	0
Last Year	12	34	50	4

Small Grains: Late-week rain boosted the germination of winter wheat and other fall-seeded small grain crops. Wheat seeding advanced to 78 percent which was more than one week ahead of the 5-year average. Approximately one-half of the 2005 wheat crop has emerged. Conditions for early wheat pasture growth look promising. Armyworm outbreaks were reported in isolated areas of the Central district. Rye growers were running well ahead of average with 92 percent of their crop planted and 70 percent emerged. Oats, at 30 percent seeded, were up significantly from last week but still lagged behind the normal pace of 35 percent.

Row Crops: Cotton continued to be rated in mostly fair to good condition. Harvest, which was mostly limited to the Southwest district, advanced to 20 percent before rainfall kept growers out of the fields. Yields on early irrigated cotton were reported to be very good. All other row crops were rated in mostly good condition. The Panhandle district was winding down corn harvest as the typical freeze date approaches. Some producers were concerned with reports of corn sprouting in the ear. Corn harvest for the remainder of the State was basically complete. Sorghum harvest ranged from less than one percent complete in the Panhandle district to 86 percent harvested in the Northeast and East Central district. For the State, 43 percent of the sorghum was harvested.

Soybean harvest ranged from 37 percent in the East Central district to 78 percent in the South Central district. Peanuts combined ranged from 3 percent in the South Central district to 15 percent in the West Central district.

ROW CROPS CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week Ending October 10, 2004

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Soybeans	0	2	24	62	12
Peanuts	0	4	20	67	9
Cotton	2	1	42	47	8
Sorghum	1	1	35	52	11

Hay: Both alfalfa and all other hay remained in good condition. Hay harvest was limited and was winding down as fall approaches. Overall, cutting was still considerably ahead of the 5-year average. However, some areas of western Oklahoma were concerned with below average hay supplies during the rest of the season.

HAY CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week Ending October 10, 2004

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	2	6	28	51	13
Other Hay	2	7	25	54	12

Pasture and Range: Pastures were still rated in fair to mostly good condition. The slow, soaking weekend rain should benefit pasture growth and also help replenish low stock ponds.

Livestock: Cattle were rated in very good condition. Some stocker cattle were being purchased for placement on wheat pasture. Cattle marketings were running near average for this time of year. Feeder steer and heifer prices were roughly unchanged from last week. Prices for feeder steers less than 800 pounds were approximately \$115 per cwt. while prices for feeder heifers less than 800 pounds were a little over \$109 per cwt.

LIVESTOCK CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week Ending October 10, 2004

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Livestock	0	2	14	61	23
Pasture & Range	3	11	33	44	9

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TIME DATED MATERIAL

OKLAHOMA CROP PROGRESS									
Week Ending October 10, 2004									
Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 - Yr Avg.	Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 - Yr Avg.
Wheat -					Soybeans -				
Planted	78	66	76	69	Mature	69	62	74	78
Emerged	49	36	58	41	Harvested	47	40	42	51
Oats -					Peanuts -				
Seedbed Prepared	79	77	80	85	Mature	86	84	91	75
Planted	30	17	47	35	Dug	23	15	24	34
Emerged	22	7	28	18	Combined	11	6	10	20
Rye					Cotton -				
Planted	92	86	92	78	Bolls Opening	87	80	94	92
Emerged	70	59	63	53	Harvested	20	6	15	23
Corn -					Alfalfa -				
Harvested	85	71	78	87	5 th Cutting	78	70	46	44
Sorghum -					6 th Cutting	19	15	N/A	N/A
Coloring	92	86	94	95	Other Hay -				
Mature	60	50	78	80	2 nd Cutting	93	90	84	82
Harvested	43	38	42	48					

Weather for Week Ending October 10, 2004 - Temperatures ranged from 41 degrees at Kenton on Saturday, October 9th, to 86 degrees at Wister on Wednesday, October 6th, Burneyville on Thursday, October 7th, and Washington on Friday, October 8th. Precipitation averaged 1.00 inch in Panhandle district to 3.42 inches in Southeast district. Soil temperatures averaged 56 degrees at Marena on Sunday, October 10th, to 75 degrees at Bee and Bowlegs on Friday, October 8th.

MESONET TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA							
Week Ending October 10, 2004							
Districts	Temperature			Precipitation			
	High	Low	Average	This Week	September 1, 2004 to October 10, 2004		
					Total	Departure from Normal	Percent of Normal
	Degrees			Inches			
Panhandle	72	50	60	1.00	2.93	+0.57	124
West Central	74	56	64	2.44	3.86	+0.01	100
Southwest	74	59	66	2.93	4.21	- 0.14	97
North Central	74	54	64	1.84	3.01	- 0.98	75
Central	76	58	66	2.93	4.21	- 1.08	80
South Central	77	60	67	3.31	5.57	- 0.14	98
Northeast	77	56	65	1.79	2.82	- 3.13	47
East Central	76	59	67	2.24	4.00	- 2.34	63
Southeast	77	60	68	3.42	5.31	- 0.86	86